

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 345
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A RESOLUTION to designate March 26, 1996, as "Legislative Cancer Awareness Day" and April, 1996, as "Legislative Cancer Awareness Month".

WHEREAS, cancer will eventually strike one in every two men and one in every three women; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and by the year 2000, cancer will be the leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, researchers estimate that if all knowledge relative to the prevention of cancer was correctly applied, up to two-thirds of all cancers would not occur; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, cancer will be diagnosed for the first time in 28,400 residents of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, significant progress is being made in cancer control to the extent that the American Cancer Society can now report that when normal life expectancy is taken into consideration, 56 percent of all cancer patients will live for five years or more after diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, in nearly every city and town in Tennessee, dedicated individuals will share life-saving information about cancer with their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is traditionally set aside for this purpose; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby proclaims March 26, 1996, as "Legislative Cancer Awareness Day" in the state of Tennessee, and in so doing we urge all citizens to become aware of their cancer risk, and we also urge the people of Tennessee to take charge of their health by following American Cancer Society screening guidelines for early detection of this disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the month of April, 1996, is hereby designated as "Cancer Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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